Legitimizing test tube babies

478. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to legitimize test tube babies and babies born of Assisted Reproductive Techniques (ART) by using wombs and semen of willing donors;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined and determined the social status and proprietary and other rights;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) by when a legislation for the purpose is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No Sir, No. such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Unearthing of fake drugs

479. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police have unearthed fake drugs worth Rs. 60 crores from a spurious drug manufacturing unit which was being run in the capital;

(b) if so, whether these consignments are being sold in the shops in rural areas and slums of the city;

(c) whether a number of factories have been found using spurious drugs in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check the fake drug rackets operating in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Delhi Police in association with

Drugs Control Department of Government of NCT (Delhi) had jointly unearthed an inter-state spurious drug racket clandestinely manufacturing, selling and distributing fake medicines. The police seized large stocks of the allegedly spurious drugs from different godowns in and around Delhi on July 4, 2001. As per the information available, they recovered stocks/ seized drugs worth Rs. 3.16 crores (approximately) and machinery of approximate value of Rs. 75.00 lakh. In another raid on February 16, 2002, Delhi Police associated with the Officers of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), seized a haul of fake drugs worth Rs. 36 lakhs (approximately) moving in inter-State commerce. Delhi Police have also unearthed a case on May 20, 2002. They have reported that a large consignment of spurious drugs was seized from the godowns of M/s. Sri Krishna Air Services, Teliwara.

(b) Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder, the responsibility for regulating the manufacture and sale of Drugs as well as monitoring their quality is vested with the State Government. The State Drug Controllers have been asked to alert their inspectorate staff about possible inter-State movement of spurious drugs unearthed and detected in the raids carried out so that the same are not available with the chemist shops in the areas under their jurisdiction.

(c) As per the feed back available from the Commissioner of Police, Delhi, investigation revealed that 3 factories located at Shalimar Gaon, Delhi, Panipat, Haryana and Sharanpur, U.P., were reportedly clandestinely manufacturing/Trading drugs of questionable quality.

(d) Since manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is mainly a clandestine activity, State Drug Control Organisations who are responsible to enforce the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and Rule made thereunder have been advised to adopt following guidelines:—

1. (a) It has been recommended to set up/reactivate State Drugs Advisory Committee in which all stakeholders, are partners. (b) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-legal machinery with Police assistance (c) Speedy analysis of drug samples (d) To undertake surveillance of suspected dealers (e) To obtain cooperation of pharmaceutical industries (f) To collect survey samples under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drugs (NSQED) Programme.

2. Central Government have taken steps to augment the drugs testing facilities of State laboratories. This includes strengthening the infrastructural facilities and improving the information system through computer networking which project is under implementation.

3. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has specifically taken up the issue of combating the menace of manufacture and sale of spurious, adulterated and counterfiet drugs in the meeting of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare on 12-13 July, 2001. It was resolved that special attention is required to be given to monitor illegal activities by a special intelligence cell in the respective Drugs Control Organisation and in seeking cooperation of Pharma industry, the trade, as well as the Police.

4. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of DGHS to examine the extent of problem and suggest remedial measures. Committee report has been submitted this month.

Steps to check population growth

480. SHRIMATI ABMIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have pointed out that States have not taken serious steps to check the population growth;

(b) if so, whether a number of States have prepared policies that propose various disincentives, including denial of free rations and education to the third child;

(c) if so, the States which have, so far, formulated the policy and those which have not; and

(d) the action being considered by Government against those States which have not taken measures to check the population growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Central Government reviews